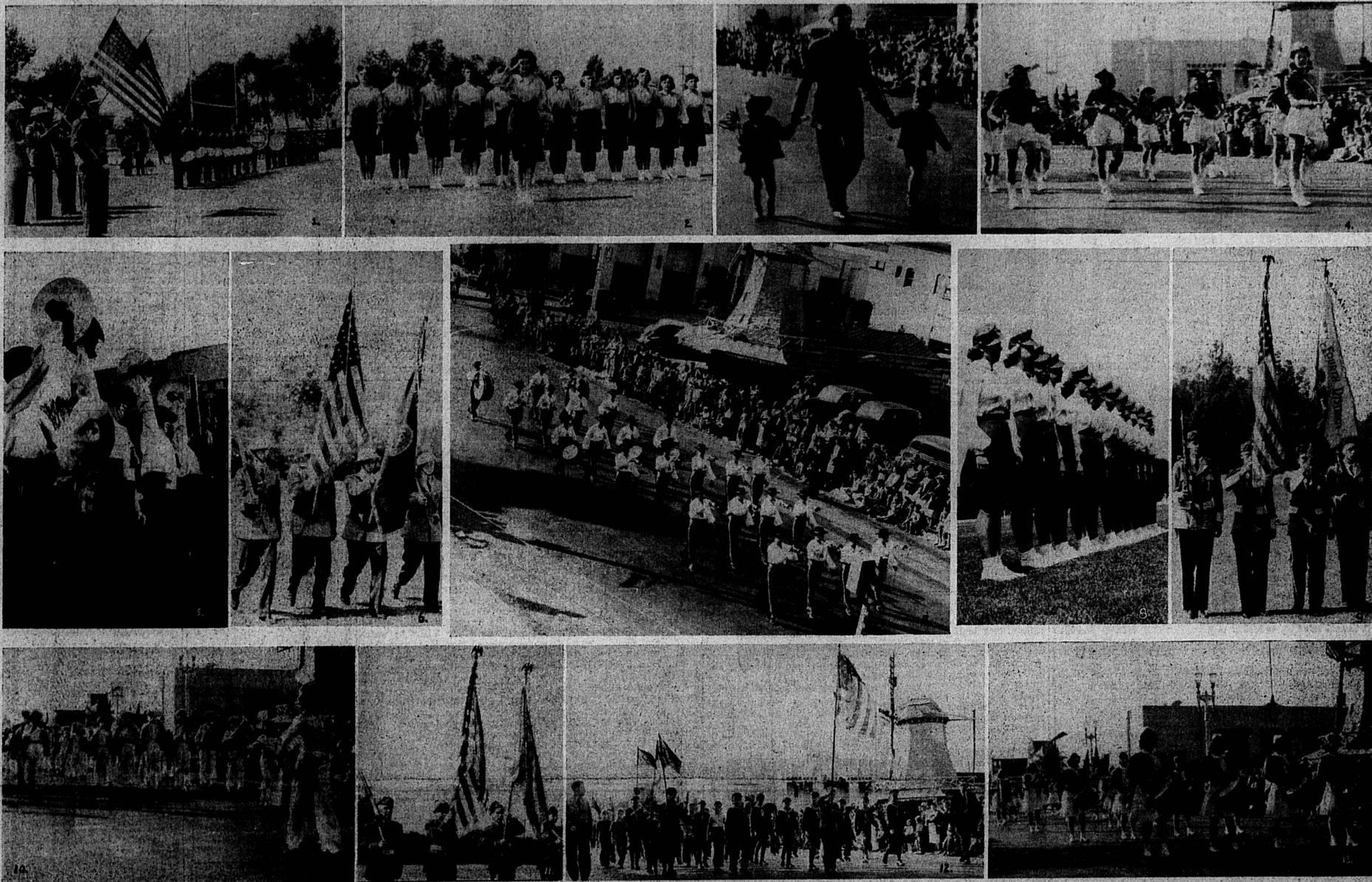


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Engineering Firm Clarifies Record of Purchase of Water Company

Shedding further light on the seven-year-old purchase of the Torrance Water, Light & Power Co. system, a transaction whose bookkeeping came under suspicion of Councilmen Powell, Murray and Babcock May 27, was the following letter read to the council Tuesday night from Arthur Taylor, member of the firm of Taylor and Taylor, engineering consultants.

"It came to my attention thru your auditors that at the time the accounts were set up at the initial operation of your water department, the figure used to represent the plant that was purchased from the utility company was our original appraisal figure of \$113,000 as of July 10, 1933.

"As you know, after considerable negotiations the system was bought for \$137,000. It is this figure that should have been used, broken down into the various accounts of tangible property purchased. There should be no confusion as to this point; as representatives of your city seeking to acquire property of a utility company, it would have been stupid for us to have started negotiations to purchase at anything but a low figure, or, in fact, an offer.

"Never did we expect to buy the works for anything like \$137,000—that was a 'lean appraisal upon which to start bargaining. The compromise price of \$137,000 was considerably under what the utility company expected to obtain from the city, but was finally agreed upon as a fair compromise price by all concerned and was so approved by the State Railroad Commission. (Signed) ARTHUR TAYLOR, Taylor and Taylor, engineers."

Louisiana expects to produce paprika commercially; California is experimenting with caraway, poppy and celery seed.

20-30 ELECT RAY PREXY

Clarence Ray, vice-president, was elected president last Thursday night of the Torrance 20-30 club, succeeding Henry Carlson. Walter Amyrauld was re-elected secretary-treasurer and other new officers chosen were: Ellsworth Clark, vice-president; Swayne Johnson, sergeant-at-arms, and Willard B. Barnett, Ray Smith and George Figueroa, directors.

Installation will be held late this month or early in July at a dance party in Los Angeles. The newly-elected officers attended a district education meeting at Ontario Sunday, breakfasting at Chaffey Union high school, attending "classes" and holding a barbecue in the afternoon on the Chaffey Junior College field.

City to Renew Two Contracts for Services

Two existing contracts for services in behalf of the city were renewed for fiscal 1941-42 by the city council Tuesday night. The South Bay Humane Society will continue to handle all pound work free, obtaining revenue from the sale of dog licenses. The County Health Department was authorized to continue its services according to the terms of the present contract.

The Humane Society reported it handled 565 cats, 327 dogs, three horses and two goats during the past 11 months.

Disruption of the spice trade by the war has increased the price of some items as much as 1,000 per cent.

American Youth of Southland Shows Its Stuff

—Torrance Herald Photos
No. 1—Community Squadron of Culver City drum and bugle corps winners of the Class A trophy in competition.
No. 2—Long Beach Junior Auxiliary drill team, state champions, trophy winner.
No. 3—Legionnaire James H. Scott of Torrance and his twin sons, Charlie and Dickey, the youngest members of the local Sons of American Legion.
No. 4—Hawthorne Junior Auxiliary girls drill team, another competition trophy winner.
No. 5—Cymbalists of the San Gabriel Post drum and bugle corps flash their instruments in an after-parade concert.
No. 6—Culver City's Community Squadron color guard, winner of the Class A trophy for competition.

City Workers' Dance Saturday Open to Public

There will be fun for everyone at the dance to be presented in the Torrance Civic Auditorium Saturday evening, June 14, by the Torrance City Employees Association. Featuring good music, the program will include a sparkling array of old-fashioned steps and modern dances. The city workers are inviting all who enjoy dancing to attend their public party for the small admission price of 25 cents.

Mrs. Evans' Son Flying for Canada

Accepting a position to deliver planes to Britain, E. W. Watson, son of Mrs. James Evans, 1322 Sartori ave, left last week for Montreal, Quebec. As an American citizen, Watson will be technically employed by the Canadian Pacific railway, but will devote his time to flying planes across the North Atlantic and instruction work. He is a graduate of the Navy Flying School at Pensacola, Florida and has had four years flying with the U. S. Navy.

A halibut matures at the age of about 11 years; 40 years is a ripe old age.

One of the most successful assemblies in the young life of the Sons of the American Legion was staged in Torrance last Saturday as members, 1,500 strong, their families, friends and Legionnaires from 80 Southland communities participated in the all-day program. Representatives of the S. A. L. came from as far as Santa Maria and the Orange county line.

Torrance did itself proud as host and may be called upon to entertain the group again next year. Following a business session in the Civic Auditorium, when Robert Lewellen Sr. of Torrance, general chairman of the Assembly, was honored by being elected Area Captain, the program included competitions, a two-mile long street parade and a gala dance.

As the procession proceeded thru the business district and passed a reviewing stand in front of the city hall, a crowd variously estimated from 5,000 to 12,000 massed along the streets and applauded as attractive majorettes pranced, bands, drum and bugle corps sounded off, drill teams maneuvered and the colors went by.

Awards Presented
A number of trophies were presented during the convention session in the morning and more were awarded during the intermission of the dance at night. These included: American to Torrance, Century Post "five-star" award to Los Angeles, Membership to Lynwood, Disaster and Relief to Hollywood, 12 at 21 Service organization's "five-star" trophy to Leonard Wood squadrons. Awards was in competition

No. 7—San Gabriel Post's famed championship drum and bugle corps (only about half of the unit was here to participate) lead the parade. Photo taken atop the city hall.
No. 8—West Hollywood Junior Auxiliary drill team lined up for inspection on high school field.
No. 9—Hollywood Squadron's color guard.
No. 10—Southwest Los Angeles boys and girls band headed by diminutive drum majorettes—the only ones appearing in slacks.
No. 11—Hollywood's Class B color guard, trophy winners, with their wooden replicas of rifles.
No. 12—Torrance Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts drew applause all along the parade route for their fine turnout.
No. 13—Wilmington drum majorettes band leads the stellar baton twirlers from the port city.

Council Praises Lewellen For S.A.L. Assembly

The Sons of the American Legion convention last Saturday drew high commendation by Mayor Tom McGuire at city council meeting Tuesday night. After stating that the event was "probably the finest ever held in the city" and expressing assurances that "every one of the hundreds of visitors here must have gained a good impression of Torrance and its people," the mayor said:
"I move that this council write a letter to Robert Lewellen Sr. who was in charge of the convention to express its thanks to him personally for his splendid services and those of his organization. Lewellen spent many hours putting across this convention in fine style and he deserves the praise of this council."

The motion was unanimously adopted.
"GLAMOUR" PANTS
Come next fall and football season, Narbonne's Gauchos will blossom out in brand-new silk pants. The garments have already been received. Narrow green stripes down each leg set off the gold silk to perfection and Gaucho gridmen will thus be able to take their place among the "glamour" teams of the city system.

Kathryne Buffington's Pupils to Present Recital at Church June 21

Kathryne Buffington, pianist and teacher, will present a group of junior and senior students in a public recital at the Evangelical church, corner of Marcellina and Arlington aves., Saturday evening, June 21, at 7:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited to this musical which will feature two-piano numbers and solos.

The well-known soprano, Nadine Farrar Nickol, will be the guest soloist appearing in two groups—in the first "Song of the Soul," the lovely Schubert "Ave Maria" and the familiar and well-beloved "Hornet." As a concluding number she will sing "Come to Me," a lovely setting of Beethoven's Sonata.

The following young artists will present the program: Charles Coulson, Patricia Rojo, Norma Jean Hearrell, Doris Robbinette, Ramona De Bra, Dolores Fulton, Betsy Ruth Morgan, Mary Louise Aord, Richard Mitchell, Joan Loper and Helen Torres. As a special feature of the program, two members of the class, Helen Torres, soprano, and Ramona De Bra as accompanist, will present two numbers.

Plans Summer Classes
Kathryne Buffington has been actively engaged in teaching since 1925 and for the past ten years in Torrance. During that period she has contributed a number of fine musicians to the community and four of her students have gone on to college to major in music. She has been active during this period as accompanist for many singers and during 1938-39 was music chairman of the Torrance Woman's club. For the summer she is again planning special classes in piano and harmony and the popular musical kindergarten course is again being offered at her studio, 1833 Marcellina ave.
The guest soloist, Nadine Farrar

nickol, is a singer with a rich background of experience and excellent training. Just recently she entered the Mario Chamlee Scholarship contest in which 250 voices were auditioned and placed in the first 20. She was accorded honor in the inter-state Music Festival held in New Mexico in 1934, which included Arizona and Texas by placing as soprano soloist.

Red Cross In Levy Building

The Torrance Red Cross sewing headquarters has been located in three rooms over the Grand theatre on Cravens avenue, thru the courtesy of Sam Levy who has donated the space. This will be the production center for sewing and knitting programs and work started there Tuesday.

The sewing and knitting program is under supervision of Mrs. L. G. Barkdull. Cut garments and yarns are available for all volunteer workers. Loans or donations of sewing machines are needed to complete the program. Those interested should telephone Mrs. Barkdull at 375 or Mrs. R. R. Smith at 17.

Two Red Cross First Aid classes are making excellent progress here and others will be started at a later date. Those desiring to take this training should call Mr. Clemmer at 850 and those interested in a Home Nursing course should call Mrs. Evans, 340-J.

TO STUDY TREES

Members of the council will meet Friday afternoon at 4:40 o'clock to inspect some trees on Mariopla Place which have been condemned by residents in that vicinity.